## DNREC'S Division of Parks & Recreation announces Rockland entrance to Brandywine Creek State Park will close beginning March 11 through April 9

GREENVILLE — DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation announced today that the Rockland entrance of Brandywine Creek State Park will be closed from the evening of March 11 through April 9 for stormwater culvert replacements. The eastern section of the Brandywine Trail from the Rocky Run Bridge to the Rockland entrance will also be closed. During the closure, failed stormwater culverts on the Brandywine Trail extending to the Rocky Run Bridge will be replaced with larger units.

The Brandywine Trail is among the busiest trails in the Delaware state parks system. Longstanding stormwater challenges due to the steep side slopes of the trail have caused sections of the trail bed to erode and have created mud puddles, preventing trail users full access to the trail. The planned culvert repairs will help alleviate the erosion and will stabilize a large section of the trail bed.

DNREC also announced that the paving of the Brandywine Trail has been placed on hold while the proposal continues to be evaluated. More details will be available in the near future.

Progress on the project is weather-dependent. For updates and the latest information, please contact the park office at 302-577-3534.

The Thompsons Bridge trailhead, parking lot and trails on the

west side of the Rocky Run Bridge will remain open for users.

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